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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends
4 of Pearl B. Washington, who recently passed away; and

5 WHEREAS, Pearl Lyvonnia Stinson Washington was born to
6 Homer and Savannah Stinson on January 19, 1907 in Meridian,
7 Mississippi, where she received her early education and
8 graduated from high school in 1926; after moving to Chicago,
9 she attended Hyde Park High School where she enrolled in
10 college preparation courses; she later attended YMCA
11 Community College and Northwestern University to study
12 business administration; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Washington served as Midwest Director of
14 Community Relations for Johnson Publishing Company for 36
15 years; during the company's developmental stages, she
16 conceived an idea and convinced the owner/publisher, John H.
17 Johnson, to increase the subscriber circulation through
18 fundraising programs in conjunction with church and civic
19 groups; this program experienced rapid growth and included
20 the participation of churches, clubs, and civic organizations
21 throughout the continental United States; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Washington was an active member of numerous
23 organizations which include, the Greater Bethesda Baptist
24 Church, the National Association of Colored Women's Club, the
25 Rosa L. Gragg Educational and Civic Club, the advisory board
26 of Ted West and Associates Public Relations Firm, the
27 Beatrice Caffrey Youth Service League, the Chicago Urban
28 League, the NAACP, PUSH, the Roosevelt University Scholarship
29 Committee, the Metro Seniors in Action, the Gertrude Johnson
30 Williams Civic Club, the Ada McKinley Group, and the Church
31 Women United in Greater Chicago, the Northern District
32 Association of Women's Club, Inc. (Chicago Chapter), and the

1 Illinois Association of Women's Club, Inc.; and

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Washington received numerous awards for her
3 work with churches of all denominations; in 1970, the City of
4 Chicago inducted her into the Chicago Hall of Fame as an
5 outstanding Senior Citizen; she also received the "Spirit of
6 Detroit" award from the Detroit City Council for her 28 years
7 of service to the city; and

8 WHEREAS, The passing of Pearl B. Washington will be
9 deeply felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her
10 son, William Bryant, Jr.; her grandchildren, Dannette
11 (husband, James) Bell, Rochelle (husband, Kenneth) Speller,
12 William (wife, Angela) Bryant, III, Kelly Bryant, and
13 Capucine Price; her twelve great-grandchildren, Mikka, Meiji,
14 Meagan, Anthony, Ashley, Dominique, Michael, Vincent,
15 Terrell, William IV, Joan, and Sydney; her sister Lillian
16 Curry; her brothers, Frank (wife, Mildred) Stinson and Henry
17 (wife, Barbara) Stinson; and her numerous nieces, nephews,
18 cousins and friends; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
21 all who knew her, the death of Pearl B. Washington of
22 Chicago, Illinois; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
24 presented to the family of Pearl B. Washington with our
25 sincere condolences.